(d)The Government is pursuing the matter with all the State Governments to set up a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in each district and to activate existing Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals where these have become dis-functional. In this regard letters have been written to all the Chief Secretaries/District Collectors.

Demonstration by JEs at Nirman Bhavan

†* 12. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:
PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Junior Engineers and other employees of Central Public Works Department staged a demonstration at Nirman Bhawan on 19th May, 2000, in support of their demands and they have threatened to go on strike if their demands are not fulfilled; and

(b) if so, the details of their demands and the decision Government intend to take for conceding their demands keeping in view the adverse effect on day-to-day work?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the demands of the Junior Engineers and the action taken by the Government on each of the demand have been indicated in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Main Demands of the CPWD Junior Engineers Association and the details of action taken by the Government

1. Full implementation of Cadre Review and filling up of all vacant posts by seniority quota:

   All the decision taken in the Second Cadre Review of Junior Engineers of CPWD in 1995 have been fully implemented. 391 posts of AE(C) and 68 posts of AE(E), which have to be filled up through limited departmental examination, are still vacant. The examination was held

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

in February 1999, but the result was held up due to a stay order of the High Court.

2. Regularisation of 37 days strike period:

   This has as yet not been agreed to on the principle of 'no work no pay'.

3. Withdrawal of Transfer policy and abolition of Hard Case Committee:

   A new transfer policy has been framed to ensure greater transparency in deciding the transfer/postings of officers.

4. Immediate implementation of the ACP scheme:

   About 2400 Junior Engineers who have completed 12 years of service are eligible to be considered under ACP Scheme. Their service records, which are scattered in different field formations of CPWD, are to be scanned. Necessary steps in this regard have already been initiated. Orders in respect of 22 Junior Engineers have already been issued and action in respect of other eligible Junior Engineers is in progress.

5. Recommendation of initial pay scale of Rs. 6500-10500:

   This demand was considered, but was not agreed to in view of possible repercussions.

6. Immediate filling up of all the vacant posts of Junior Engineers:

   At present Government is reviewing all the vacant posts in the Department. Necessary steps for filling up the vacant posts shall be taken after the review is completed.

Transfer of Cardamom to Ministry of Agriculture

*13. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to transfer cardamom to the Ministry of Agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Cardamom growers have represented against this move of the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?